

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on March 10, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)

Members Excused: Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 109, 2/23/2015; SB 126, 2/23/2015; SB 131, 2/23/2015; SB 143, 2/23/2015

00:00:50 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 109

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Sen. Nels Swandal (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 109, Revise laws related to asset forfeiture.

EXHIBIT(juh49a01)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:38 Rep. Meyers joined the meeting.
00:04:30 Rep. Court
00:04:51 Sen. Swandal
00:04:54 Rep. Court
00:05:01 Sen. Swandal
00:05:22 Rep. Kelker
00:05:34 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:03 Sen. Swandal

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:06:25 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 126, Generally revise landlord tenant laws to allow voluntary electronic notification.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:28 Amy Fisher, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:17 Rep. Person
00:10:08 Sen. Webb
00:10:24 Rep. McConnell
00:10:44 Sen. Webb

00:11:08 Rep. Court
00:11:42 Sen. Webb
00:11:56 Rep. Court
00:12:43 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:03 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 131

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:39 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 131, Revise concealed weapon renewal laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:54 Garrett Bacon, Self
00:15:25 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:09 Rep. MacDonald
00:16:25 Sen. Kary

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:35 Sen. Kary

00:16:45 Chair J. Bennett

00:16:55 Recessed
00:27:16 Reconvened

00:27:17 Chair J. Bennett

00:27:39 Recessed
00:44:03 Reconvened

00:44:05 Chair J. Bennett

HEARING ON SB 143

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:44:21 Cary Smith (R), SD 27, opened the hearing on SB 143, Clarify constitutional provisions and law related to board of regents/u-system.

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh49a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:47:32 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)

EXHIBIT(juh49a04)

00:53:19 Lee Bruner, Self

00:55:04 Doug Nulle, Self

00:56:53 Schuyler Watt, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:34 Kevin McRae, Deputy Commissioner, Communications & Human Resources,
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), Montana University
System (MUS)

EXHIBIT(juh49a05)**EXHIBIT(juh49a06)**

01:09:05 Rep. Regier joined the meeting.

01:11:46 JC Weingartner, MEA-MFT

01:19:14 John McDaniel, Self

01:24:25 Nell McDaniel, Self

01:27:35 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)

01:31:52 Judith Heilman, Montana Chapter of Moms Demand Action

EXHIBIT(juh49a07)

01:37:10 Nancy de Pastino, Montana Chapter of Moms Demand Action

01:40:46 William Clawson, Self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:42:25 Rep. Person

01:43:43 Kevin McRae, MUS

01:46:15 Rep. Pease-Lopez

01:46:49 Kevin McRae, MUS

01:47:22 Rep. Hill

01:49:08 Kevin McRae, MUS

01:50:46 Rep. Hill

01:50:47 Helen Thigpen, LSD

01:51:00 Rep. Kelker

01:52:02 Sen. Smith

01:52:29 Rep. Kelker

01:52:52 Sen. Smith

01:52:57 Rep. Kelker

01:53:23 Sen. Smith

01:54:30 Rep. Kelker

01:54:55 Sen. Smith

01:55:07 Rep. Pinocci

01:55:51 Robin Turner, MCADSV

01:56:04 Rep. Pinocci

01:56:28 Robin Turner, MCADSV

01:56:35 Chair J. Bennett

01:56:44 Robin Turner, MCADSV

01:57:06 Rep. McConnell

01:57:31 Sen. Smith
01:58:18 Rep. McConnell
01:59:22 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:01:37 Rep. McConnell
02:01:46 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:02:31 Rep. McConnell
02:02:51 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:03:07 Rep. Monforton
02:03:25 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:03:29 Rep. Monforton
02:03:52 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:04:12 Rep. Monforton
02:04:23 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:04:29 Rep. MacDonald
02:04:56 Judith Hielman, Montana Chapter of Moms Demand Action
02:04:58 Rep. MacDonald
02:05:02 Judith Hielman, Montana Chapter of Moms Demand Action
02:05:08 Rep. Pinocci
02:05:44 Gary Marbut, MSSA
02:08:18 Rep. Pinocci
02:08:21 Rep. Berglee
02:08:54 Gary Marbut, MSSA
02:11:42 Rep. Berglee
02:12:10 Judith Hielman, Montana Chapter of Moms Demand Action
02:12:22 Rep. Court
02:13:09 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:15:38 Rep. Court
02:16:40 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:18:43 Rep. Court
02:19:02 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:19:27 Rep. McConnell
02:19:47 Rep. Pinocci
02:20:00 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:20:47 Rep. Pinocci
02:21:05 Gary Marbut, MSSA
02:21:20 Rep. Pinocci
02:21:31 Gary Marbut, MSSA
02:22:02 Rep. Manzella
02:22:39 Gary Marbut, MSSA
02:22:50 Rep. Doane
02:23:11 Kevin McRae, MUS
02:24:41 Rep. Doane
02:24:50 Kevin McRae, MUS

Closing by Sponsor:

02:25:08 Sen. Smith

02:35:32 Chair J. Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

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McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([juh49aad.pdf](#))